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Kane`ohe Courthouse to Close March 24 *Will Reopen at New Site March 27*

The Kane`ohe District Court located on Kahuhipa Street will not be open for business for two working days beginning Monday, March 24, due to a move to a new location. The court will resume operations at a brand-new courthouse on Thursday, March 27, the day after the state's Kuhi`o Day holiday. Telephone calls to the courthouse at its original number, (808) 234-0800, will be accepted on March 24 and 25.

The new courthouse, which will be dedicated to former Hawai'i Supreme Court Justice Abner Paki on March 25, is located at the intersection of Po`okela Street and Kea`ahala Road, adjacent to the Hawai'i State Hospital.

Persons who would like to pay a traffic ticket during the time the courthouse is closed may make payment at the Honolulu, `Ewa, Wahiawa, or Wai`anae District Courts. Traffic tickets also may be paid through the Judiciary's on-line Internet payment program at www.courts.state.hi, or by calling an interactive telephone voice-response system at 800-423-3841. However, some fines (such as those for bench warrant cases) can only be paid at the Kane`ohe District Court and cannot be paid online.

Persons who were scheduled to appear in court on March 24 or 25 should have been notified by mail of a new court date.

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